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SUBJECT: NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS ASSN. PATENT COMPLAINT AGAINST HUNGARY

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1. SENATOR DANFORTH'S CONCERN IS REFLECTED IN A LETTER OF JUNE 19 FROM THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS ASSN. (NACA) TO SENATOR RIBICOFF (COPY POUCHED). THE NACA LETTER DOES NOT OPPOSE THE U.S.-HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT, BUT DOES ACCUSE HUNGARIAN ENTERPRISES, PARTICULARLY CHINOIN PHARMACEUTICAL AND CHEMICAL WORKS, WITH INFRINGING U.S. COMPANIES' PATENT RIGHTS THROUGH CHEMICAL EXPORTS. IT ASKS THAT THE SENATE MONITOR HUNGARIAN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE V OF THE AGREEMENT.

2. STATE AND COMMERCE HAVE NO RECORD OF THIS SPECIFIC COM-
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PLAINT. THE LETTER MENTIONS THAT THE COMPLAINT WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF "CERTAIN HIGH-LEVEL FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS" (PRESUMABLY HUNGARIAN) AT ABOUT THE TIME THE TRADE AGREEMENT WAS BEING NEGOTIATED AND THAT SOME ASSURANCES WERE RECEIVED REGARDING FUTURE HUNGARIAN EXPORT PRACTICES. WE PLAN TO MEET WITH NACA OFFICIALS DURING WEEK OF JUNE 26 AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY

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HAVE ON HAND. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER

U.S. COMPANIES OR NACA HAVE APPROACHED EMBASSY ON THIS SUBJECT. VANCE

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